has taken up the matter with the Nepalese Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Government are aware of the February, 1993 report titled "the New Islamist International" by the Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare set up by the US House of Representatives Republican Research Committee. The Section on Pakistan. Afghanistan and the Export of Terrorism noted. *Inter alia,* that terrorists trained by the ISI developed a professional infiltration route for their operatives *via* Nepal and used that nation as a site for meetings and consultation with Pakistani and Arab terrorism and subversion experts.

(b) Government obtained details relating to this report, Government constantly monitor developments relating to India's security. Government are continuously appraising other countries of the unabated support in terms of arms, equipment and training by Pakistan to terrorists in India. Government have highlighted the situation of "proxy war" being waged by Pakistan in J&K. Government ramain committed to take all necessary steps to safeguard India's territorial unity and integrity.

(c) Government have repeatedly raised the issue of the support Pakistan is extending to subversion and terrorism directed against India with Pakistan at the political and diplomatic levels including at the Seventh Round of the Foreign Secretary level talks in Islamabad on January 1-3, 1994. It has been indicating to Pakistan that this support is totally unacceptable, it is not conducive either to good neighbourly relations or to peace and stability in the region.

(d) and (e) Nepal is not a party to transit or use of Nepalese territory by terrorists. The Government of Nepal has adopted a cooperative and helpful attitude in our discussion with them on this subject.

Tamil Refugees Dumped in Baltic Sea

249. SHRI S. MADHVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a news item published in the daily Hindu dated 5th February, 1994 about Tamil refugees dumped in rubber boats in the Baltic sea off the coast of Denmark;

(b) whether these refugees travelled from India; and

(c) what steps are being taken to repatriate them to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It has been ascertained that these persons are not Indian nationals. The question of their repatriation to India *does not therefore arise.

विदेशों में भारत के हितों की वकालत करने वाली एक विदेशी फर्म की नियुक्ति

250. **डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन:**
श्री राम जेठमलानी:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय क्षेत्र में देश के हितों के संरक्षण और संवर्धन की वकालत करने के लिए हाल ही में एक विदेशी फर्म को नियुक्त किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और वह कहां स्थित है और सरकार को वार्षिक रूप से इस फर्म को कितनी धनराशि का भुगतान करना होगा;

(ग) क्या यह फर्म अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर कूटनीतिक क्षेत्र में किसी देश के हितों के संरक्षण करने का कोई पूर्व अनुभव रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या